ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Methods and systems for intelligent information retrieval and delivery in information delivery environments that may be employed in a variety of information management system environments, including those employing high-end streaming servers. The disclosed methods and systems may be implemented to achieve a variety of information delivery goals, including delivery of continuous content in a manner that is free or substantially free of interruptions and hiccups, to enhance the efficient use of information retrieval resources such as buffer/cache memory, and/or to allocate information retrieval resources among simultaneous users, such as during periods of system congestion or overuse.

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